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Summary: James Gremmels, a Glenwood resident and professor emeritus of English at the University of Minnesota, Morris, was among 10 Minnesota electors who participated in the meeting of the DFL Party electors at the State Capitol.

(December 17, 2008)-James Gremmels, a Glenwood resident and professor emeritus of English at the University of Minnesota, Morris, was among 10 Minnesota electors who participated in the meeting of the DFL Party electors at the State Capitol December 15. All 10 of the state's electoral votes were cast for President-elect Barack Obama. About 70 people attended the historic event, held in the Capitol rotunda.

Electors declare their choices for president and vice president, in a voice vote, before signing the forms necessary to register their votes with the federal and state governments.

According to the Minnesota Office of the Secretary of State, Minnesota currently has 10 presidential electors. Article 2, Section 1, Clause 2 of the Constitution of the United States provides that each state shall appoint a number of electors equal to the number of Senators and Representatives to which each state is entitled in Congress. Since Minnesota currently has eight U.S. Representatives and two U.S. Senators, the state is entitled to 10 electors. The four major political parties nominate candidates for presidential elector by delegate conventions called and held under the supervision of the party's state central committee.

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